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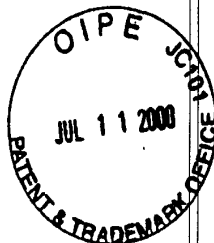
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Bridenbaugh et al.

Application No.: 09/121,798

Filed: July 23, 1998

For: METHODS FOR PURIFYING
NUCLEIC ACIDS

Examiner: Kunz, G.

Art Unit: 1623

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

~~At page 10, line 31, please replace "Fractogel" with -- FRACTOGEL --.~~

~~At page 15, line 29, please replace "Ultipor" with -- ULTIPOR --.~~

~~At page 15, line 29, please replace "Sartorpure" with -- SARTOPURE --.~~

~~At page 18, line 3, please replace "Miracloth" with -- MIRACLOTH --.~~

~~At page 18, line 11, please replace "Centrasette" with -- CENTRASETTE --.~~

~~At page 19, line 8, please replace "Vantage A" with -- VANTAGE A --.~~

~~At page 19, line 9, please replace "Fractogel" with -- FRACTOGEL resin --.~~